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WOULD MAKE MIDWAY FOR FAIR IMPOSSIBILITY

Pasquotank County Commissioners Order Sheriff to Refuse License to Carnival or Amusement Companies Anywhere in the County

There will be no side shows, museums, menageries, merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels and like amusement enterprises in connection with the Albemarle District Fair to be held at Elizabeth City November 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, if the County Commissioners can prevent it.

The Commissioners of Pasquotank invoked Chapter 164 of the Public Laws of North Carolina of 1919, which authorizes County Commissioners to refuse permission to carnivals and other shows to exhibit in such counties. The Commissioners had gotten wind of the coming of the Krause Shows, which expected to show here next week under the auspices of the Loyal Order of Moose. Before Krause's advance agent could get to the sheriff's office for a license, the commissioners blocked the show by ordering the sheriff not to grant license to any carnival company to show anywhere in the county.

The resolution was promptly adopted and then some one thought of the fair. The Commissioners admitted that they hadn't thought about the fair, but they were of the opinion that the fair should not receive any special favors. One commissioner said: "If they can't get up a fair without such things, then we had better not have a fair." To this remark others nodded approval.

Now a fair without a midway is like a clock without works, like bread without butter, or like a bride-groom without a bride. The crowds that come to a fair, come to be amused. They want plenty of life, motion, music, noise, bustle and excitement. They want something to do every minute. The midway attractions for a fair can be secured in only one way, and that is by contract with some amusement organization. No fair association could attempt to set up a midway by contracting with every show required. The carnival company comes in and puts up all the shows, paying the fair association a stipulated sum or percentage for privileges.

And so, if the County Commissioners have their way the Albemarle District Fair may be as flat as an unleavened pancake.

The Fair Association may find a way out. The Revenue act which prescribes the taxes to be imposed upon carnival companies expressly states that the act does not apply to amusement parks otherwise taxed. The Fair Association may find a way out, spite of the commissioners. But in the meantime, the action of the commissioners is giving everybody something to talk about.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

On Sunday, March 19, 1911 W. O. Saunders lost a silver 25 cent piece in the post office at Elizabeth City, N. C., the quarter falling thru a crack in the woodwork near the delivery window. That would have been the last of that quarter for most folk. But Saunders uses his head. When that quarter went down that crack W. O. Saunders wrote a note and dropped into the crack behind it. The note said: "A silver twenty five cent piece lost here Sunday, Mar. 19, 1911 by W. O. Saunders, publisher of THE INDEPENDENT."

Eight years and nearly six months rolled by and this week carpenters began to tear out the woodwork in the post office to make room for a parcel post window. Mr. G. R. Swindell found that lost 25 cent piece and the note identifying its loser. Mr. Swindell promptly turned the money over to its owner and that quarter goes back into circulation after a long, long rest. It pays to advertise.

LOST: Between Elizabeth City and Currituck Court House by way of Indian-ville one 33 x 4 1-2 Fish Non Skid Automobile tire and rim. Finder will please return same to Elizabeth City Motor Car Co. or M. W. Ferebee, and receive reward. c S.5-1t

SAUNDERS TAKES STUMP IN SPRING

Questions of the Moment May Be Dead Issues in Another Six Months

Since announcing his candidacy for Congress W. O. Saunders, editor and publisher of THE INDEPENDENT, has been besieged with inquiries as to when he would open his campaign. Mr. Saunders says in reply to all such inquiries that he will not undertake an active campaign until early next spring. At that time he will go into every county in the district.

Saunders states his reasons for waiting. He says, "The world is moving; it used to apparently stand still for a decade at a time. A candidate for office used to pick up any old issue ten or twenty years old, blow the dust off it, camouflage it with a new twist of rhetoric and get away with it. But those days are behind us; the world moves faster in a six months now than it formerly moved in a decade. New issues are arising every day. Nothing is established, nothing permanent except change. A candidate for Congress going before the people 15 months prior to his election and attempting to discuss issues with them except in a general way is either a simpleton or an egotist. He may discuss things in a general way, but I am not convinced that the sturdy, dependable, rugged American stock in this district is going to be swept this way and that by generalities mouthed around by professional politicians."

The interest manifested in Saunders' candidacy thruout the district is already alarming the old line politicians. They are beginning to realize that Saunders' candidacy is no joke. No one questions Saunders' ability to represent the people intelligently and efficiently. And the people are tired of lawyer representation in Congress. The lawyers have run the halls of legislation until the plain people haven't a look in. The fact that so many lawyers laughed when Saunders announced his candidacy, shows how many lawyers feel about it. When Saunders does begin his campaign for Congress he will have two thirds of the lawyers in the district fighting him either openly or under cover. And every one of those lawyers will make votes for Saunders.

A PERQUIMANS SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC HERE

Why Couldn't Elizabeth City Have Picnic Crows From Every County?

About 150 teachers, officers and pupils of Whiteville Grove Baptist Church, near Belvidere, Perquimans County, made Elizabeth City the place of their annual picnic, Wednesday Sept. 3. They used the old fair grounds for their picnic and took advantage of the Hospital beach nearby for bathing. They had a lovely day and a splendid time. The wonder is that more country schools do not come to Elizabeth City for their picnics. The Chamber of Commerce might get next to this idea and make some special inducement to schools in this and other counties to picnic here. Whiteville Grove Sunday School that its superintendent, Dr. L. A. Ward, is the only practicing physician in the Chowan Baptist Association who holds the superintendency of a Sunday School. As a rule, physicians will not take time for this religious work.

AT SHAWBORO

Patrons of the Snowden, Gregory and Shawboro schools are invited to meet at the Shawboro Hall Tuesday night, Sept. 8th, at 8 o'clock prompt for the purpose of making arrangement to improve the school conditions in these communities. Prof. N. W. Walker, State Inspector of High Schools for the State of North Carolina, will be present. Everyone interested in developing a modern school system for the benefit of about 150 school children residing in these communities are urged to be present.

WHO'S CHECK IS THIS?

I have a check for 8 barrels of potatoes sold by Snyder & Blankford, of Baltimore on August 25th. Party to whom check is payable is not known to me. Party to whom this check belongs can get same by making proper claim to me.

W. H. PARKER, Poplar Branch, N. C. p.8.5-1t

FOR SALE: Practically new Pritchard's Bean Harvester. Will sell cheap. Apply to W. W. CARVER, R. F. D. 4, Elizabeth City, N. C. c S.5-2t



R. B. CREEVY, JR.

HIS FORTY THIRD YEAR OF TEACHING

And Yet, He is Not Old Because He Lives With Youth

On Monday, September first, Prof. R. B. Creevy, Jr., of this city, veteran schoolmaster whose inspirational teaching has prepared many hundreds of boys for successful careers in many walks of life, began his forty-third consecutive year as a teacher. Despite his many arduous years in the schoolroom, Prof. Creevy is today in spirit and feeling a boy among boys, nor does he ever expect to "grow up", as he expresses it. He declares that his greatest pleasure is in the companionship of boys and young men, whose mental attitude is fresh and unspoiled, and this fact in part explains Prof. Creevy's perennial youthfulness.

Since the Civil Service was instituted in President Cleveland's administration, Prof. Creevy has been preparing prospective applicants for entrance examinations in this branch of government employment, and of all whom he has coached for these examinations, not a single one has failed to pass, which is a remarkable record. Prof. Creevy is so entirely modest and unassuming that it is next to impossible to get him to talk about himself, and the highest eulogy of his patient and thoroughly efficient work as a teacher will be found in the achievements of "his boys", as he terms the ones whom he has instructed.

Prof. Creevy will be 63 years old—or young next November. He is a son of the late Col. R. B. Creevy, long a prominent figure in the political and literary circles of North Carolina. "Grandfather's Tales of North Carolina" form an interesting and valuable contribution to the historical literature of the State. Prof. Creevy received his early educational training from his father, and afterward spent five years at the Horner school at Oxford, N. C., graduating with honor and, incidentally, teaching mathematics at the school for a time, before called to this position when only 16 years of age, on account of the illness of the regular professor. In the early eighties Prof. Creevy served six years as superintendent of school in Pasquotank county, succeeding the late J. P. Overman who was our first county superintendent. However, Prof. Creevy's life has been almost entirely devoted to the education of boys in his private school, which has rightly come to be regarded as one of the finest in the State in point of effective and inspirational instruction.

Speaking of the value of college training, Prof. Creevy says, "College education is a fine thing, but many of the young men who leave college with their diplomas do not know anything." Pressed upon for an explanation of this statement, he goes on: "When a young man graduates from college, he has only laid the foundation for his real education, which can come from an experience with the world and its ways. Whether or not the college-trained man succeeds depends entirely upon himself, his adaptability and his power to apply the things which have been taught him." And, come to think of it Prof. Creevy is entirely right. The photo, herewith is a Saunders' snapshot.

BUILDING AND LOAN OPENS NINTH SERIES

The Albemarle Building and Loan Association opens its ninth series next Saturday, September 6th.

The organization is stimulating the "Build Now" campaign, encouraging thrift and working for community progress, and solicits new members to join in this undertaking.

On another page of this issue the Building and Loan Association makes further announcement in a display advertisement.

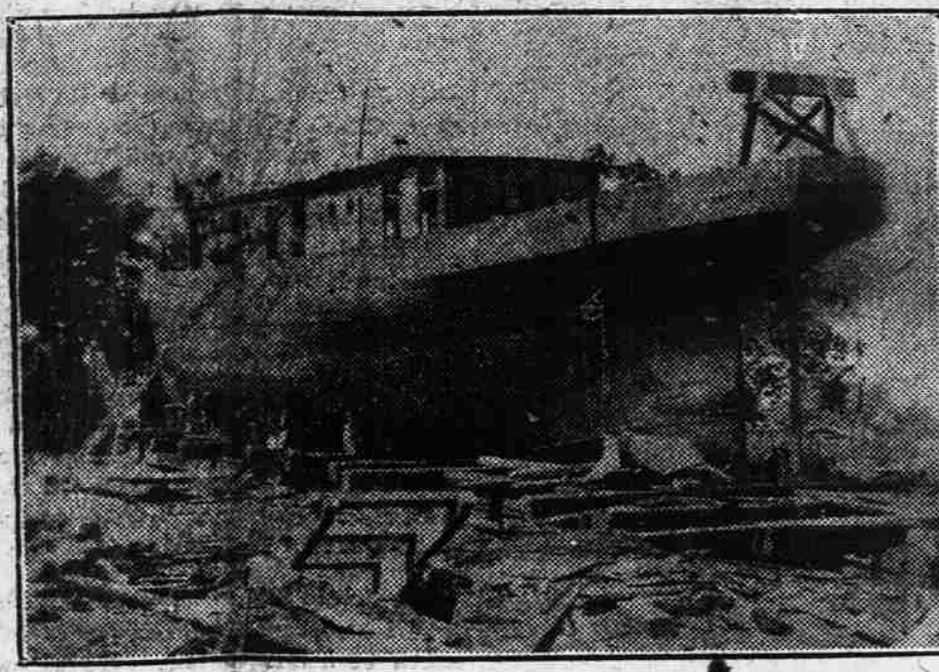
NORFOLK I. O. F. FAST

The Norfolk Odd Fellows baseball team came to Elizabeth City Monday, Labor Day and cleaved up Elizabeth City's crack Grays with a score of six to nothing. But it wasn't easily done; for six innings the Grays held the Norfolks' feet to the fire, not permitting them to score. The game was witnessed by more than a thousand spectators.

DR. PARKER RETURNS

Dr. Wm. Parker, who has been taking a special post graduate course in Dentistry at Richmond, has returned to his practice in Elizabeth City.

Ships Of Steel Can Be Built Here



The first steel hull ship to be rebuilt at a local shipyard is now being thoroughly overhauled at the yards of the Elizabeth City Ship Yard Co. She is the E. V. McCaulley, an ocean-going tug 100 feet long, of 24 feet beam and with a draft of 10 1/2 feet, and belongs to the Lamberts Point Tow Boat Company of Lamberts Point, Va.

The overhauling of the E. V. McCaulley, including the installation of a brand new boiler is largely under the personal supervision of her captain, W. S. Williams, and her chief engineer, C. W. West. These two seasoned and capable boat men say that the McCaulley will be practically as good as new when she comes off the ways of the local shipbuilding company.

The McCaulley is a fast sea-going tug whose triple expansion engines develop approximately 500 horsepower. She is capable of a speed of 13 knots per hour. The work of overhauling her has been going on for about a month, and it is stated that she will be ready to come off the ways in another month, after which the Ship Yard Company expects to undertake a similar piece of work on a vessel of like design. Photo by W. O. Saunders.

DEMANDS EIGHT HOUR DAY FOR THE FARMER

Also Propose That Farmers Go On Nation Wide Strike to Get What They Want

A laugh went up all over the State the other day when Mr. J. Z. Green, in convention at Raleigh, introduced "demands" for an 8-hour day for the farmer. A newspaper account says "a visitor entering the convention hall just before the address of ex-Congressman Lever and catching the forebodings of a resolution read by Mr. Green, might have thought that the unrest of the cities which has been resulting in strikes of various kinds, had penetrated to the farm and that the world was about to go to the bow-wow with the farmers declaring for a eight hour day, locking their barn and crib doors and producing no more food than enough for their own consumption."

The burlesque "demands" of Mr. Green were:

Whereas, the American farmers and their families have for more than a century been working in the fields and barns sixteen hours a day, under living standards and social and educational advantages far beneath those whose prevail in towns and cities, therefore be it resolved:

First, that instead of being allowed no wages at all for members of our families each adult member shall be allowed 70 cents and each child 35 cents for every hour devoted to farm work.

Second, that we also be allowed six per cent on our investments as represented by houses, lands, farms, equipment, outlays for fertilizer.

Third, that while it will tend to curtail products and make the cost of living higher, we contend that eight hours is long enough to work in the hot sunshine and we therefore emphatically demand that the eight hour day shall be made the standard upon every farm in America.

We are opposed to strikes and lock-outs, but unless these demands be speedily granted we will on October 1, 1919 lock our cribs, smoke houses and granaries against the markets and during the year 1920, we will plant only enough lands to feed our families and our live stock and this strike shall positively continue until our demands are realized.

COURT IN CHOWAN

The September term of Superior Court for Chowan County will convene at Edenton, Monday, Sept. 8, Judge Wm. M. Bond presiding.

COURT IN PASQUOTANK

A two weeks term of the Superior Court for the trial of criminal and civil cases will convene in Elizabeth City, Monday, Sept. 15.

FOR SALE:—7 room house Cedar St. near school. This is a bargain. If interested better act quick. Price \$1650 HARRY M. SEELEY, 313 Hinton Bldg. c S.5-1t

NO EXAGGERATION

I do not make exaggerated statements about my work. Very remarkable results often follow the correction of bad vision by properly fitted glasses. It does not follow that bad eyes are responsible for all ills and that the fitting of eye glasses is a panacea for every ailment. My especial claim to your patronage is based upon my long experience coupled with my unusual facilities for testing the vision, grinding the lenses and fitting the glasses on the premises. Upon investigation you will find that I can give the same service you would expect to find in a metropolitan city.

DR. J. D. HATHAWAY

Optometrist
Phone 999 Bradford Bldg.

SELLS STUDEBAKER TO A RESIDENT OF LONDON

Sale Made By Elizabeth City Dealer Brings Out Story of Romantic Career of Edenton Boy

The sale of a Bix Six Studebaker automobile to a resident of London, England, by the Pasquotank Motor Car Co., of Elizabeth City, last week, calls for an interesting story.

The London purchaser of an automobile from an Elizabeth City agency is Oscar Williams, senior director of the chain of 70 Woolworth 5 and 10 Cent Stores in Great Britain.

Twelve years ago Oscar Williams was clerking in a Woolworth 5 and 10 Cent Store in New York City. The Woolworth organization took his measure and sent him to London to open the first Woolworth 5 and 10 Cent Store in Great Britain. The store was a success from the start and Mr. Williams opened other Woolworth stores in England until there are now three score and ten of them.

Oscar Williams is a son of the venerable Capt. Sam Williams, of Edenton, N. C. and left Edenton about 12 years ago to take a job in a Woolworth store in New York. Mr. Williams is visiting his old home in Edenton at this time, for the first time in several years. While at home he decided to buy an American automobile to take back to London with him when he sails this month. His selection was a Studebaker and the Elizabeth City agency got the order.

NEWLAND HIGH SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY, SEPT. 8

The Newland High School in upper Pasquotank will open its doors Monday, September 8, to begin the school session of 1919-1920. The opening address will be delivered by N. W. Walker of Chapel Hill, State High School Director, and a large attendance is expected. Ira T. Johnson of Jefferson, N. C. a graduate of Wake Forest will be the principal of the school, acting in the capacity of a whole-time high school teacher, and Miss Etta Spivey of New Hope will be the assistant principal, having charge of the sixth and seventh grades. The other teachers will be: Miss Emily Stafford, of Newland, fourth and fifth grades; Miss Inez Reid, of Elizabeth City, second and third grades; Miss Agnes Etheridge, of Newland, the first grade.

It is likewise planned to open the Turnpike school in Newland September 8, in which the first four grades are taught. Miss Irene Britte, who conducted this school last year, will again have charge during the approaching session. The Oak Grove school in the same township will likewise open at the same time, provided a teacher is obtained soon enough. All the above schools, including the Newland High School, will run for eight months.

HELP TO MAKE CITY MARKET BIG SUCCESS

Every stall in your City Market has been rented. Every dealer in meats and fish has taken space in the City Market. Here you have a great central food distributing center. Here under one roof you can always find choice meats, fish, vegetables, fruits, butter and eggs. It is up to you now to make this market a big success. Patronize the City Market, encourage the individual dealers and when you criticize them let your criticism be friendly until you find that friendly criticism isn't appreciated. Read the full page City Market ad on page 3 of this newspaper today. Make a trip to the City Market yourself. Tell your friends about it.

FOR SALE:—6 room house on Hunter St. Price \$1500. HARRY M. SEELEY, 313 Hinton Bldg. c S.5-1t

FOR SALE:—1 building lot, corner Cherry and Ashe Sts. This is cheap at \$400. HARRY M. SEELEY, 313 Hinton Bldg. c S.5-1t

TO BREAK GROUND NEXT WEEK FOR NEW CHURCH

New First Methodist Church South to Be One of the Most Complete Houses of Worship in the State. Bishop to Attend Celebration Sept. 26

ELIZABETH CITY FACES A DISASTER

Will Be Inaccessible to Camden and Currituck This Winter

Here is a rather disconcerting piece of news for Elizabeth City business interests. Elizabeth City will be closed to the masses of people in Camden and Currituck counties for several months next winter. The only way people from Camden and Currituck counties will be able to get into Elizabeth City at all will be by rail or steamer, both of which unsatisfactory means of transportation to people accustomed to coming and going quickly in their automobiles.

Elizabeth City will be shut off to those Camden and Currituck people because the privately owned Camden Ferry Road is not in shape to withstand the winter. The owners of the road will not spend their money to put the road in shape because they are afraid of their investment.

Here then is the biggest problem before Elizabeth City right at this time. Elizabeth City must bestir itself to provide a dependable ferry between the city and the Camden side of the Pasquotank river, or Elizabeth City will presently find its Camden and Currituck trade lost to Norfolk. Elizabeth City business can do nothing and wait for something to happen. Elizabeth City business men can bestir themselves and solve this ferry road problem. Every day's delay costs money.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP VALUES TREBLE UNDER REVALUATION

Incidentally 16,798 Acres and 31 Town Lots Not Previously Listed Are Now on Tax Books

Revaluation of property in Plymouth township, Washington county, has uncovered 16,798 acres not previously listed, say nothing of 31 town lots in the town of Plymouth that escaped the appraisers in 1917.

In 1917 all town lots in Plymouth were appraised at \$311,340. Under the new valuation they are appraised at \$616,721, an increase of \$305,381.

The number of farms listed in Plymouth Township under the new valuation is 24,499. To this is to be added 26,000 acres of timber not yet appraised, making a total of 50,499 acres. The total acreage listed in 1917 was only 33,701. Revaluation increases this by \$16,798.

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THE DEATH OF AN AGED AND INTERESTING WOMAN

Mrs. Mary Ann Jenkins, age 78, died at her home on South Road St. in this city Tuesday, Sept. 2, following an illness of several years. She had undergone two operations for cancer in a Norfolk hospital and made a brave fight for life.

Mrs. Jenkins was an able, intelligent and interesting woman. She was a native of Leeds, England. Her husband, Thos. M. Jenkins, was a marine engineer. They came to this country about 50 years ago, settling in lower Pasquotank. Later they moved to Elizabeth City. Thos. M. Jenkins died about 26 years ago, but is still remembered by many old residents who recall that he was a master of the violin and could brew ale and beer that smacked of the finest imported articles.

Mrs. Jenkins is survived by three children. They are Mrs. J. D. Sykes, Mrs. Chas. Sanders and Victor M. Jenkins, all of this city.

Mrs. Jenkins was cheerful, brave and uncomplaining thru all her sufferings. Dr. Payne, who operated on her in Norfolk, remarked her wonderful fortitude and declared she was one of the most wonderful patients ever under his observation.

NORTH CAROLINA BEHIND IN TICK ERADICATION

During the month of July, a total of 6,963 cattle were dipped in 541 vats in North Carolina in connection with the work of tick eradication now going on in the State. In the same month, 2,224,468 Texas cattle were dipped, over 6,000 vats being used in the dipping process. It is an interesting commentary on the attitude of North Carolina toward tick eradication to note that South State in number of cattle dipped, in this period treated over twenty times as many cattle as did this State. While North Carolina was the first State to make an organized effort to do away with cattle fever ticks in conjunction with the national Department of Agriculture, it is apparent that the good work has not been continued as should have been the case.

Ground will be broken for the new First Methodist Church South some time next week. A celebration of the ground breaking will be staged on Friday, September 26 and the distinguished guest of the occasion will be Bishop Darlington himself.

The new church will cost \$100,000, instead of \$60,000 to \$75,000 as originally planned. It will occupy nearly all of the lot owned by the First Methodists, corner of Road and Church streets. And it will be three stories high.

Can you imagine a three story church? No one did until the pastor and building committee of the First Methodist Church began to try to evolve plans for a church that would suit the needs of their growing congregation. They studied the plans of churches everywhere and visited several cities for the purpose of inspecting city churches. Nowhere could they find a church plan without its drawbacks and limitations.

The new church will be divided into two sections. The first section will be over the main auditorium which will seat 750 to 1,000 persons. Underneath there will be a social hall, kitchen, retiring rooms, etc.

To the rear of the main auditorium and separated from it by a spacious corridor will be the Sunday School auditorium. The rooms for the various Sunday School departments and classes will be grouped around this auditorium. An audience of a thousand people can be entertained in the Sunday School auditorium by throwing open the class rooms.

It will be possible to carry on two meetings in the big church at one time, without confusion or conflict of any kind.

The building will have more of the appearance of an impressive, dignified, useful community center than of a church. It will be of Colonial design and tapestry or texture brick will be used for the outer walls. Massive Colonial columns will adorn the front entrance. J. P. Kramer, designer and builder of most of the worth while buildings in Elizabeth City will superintend the construction.

It was planned to hold the Ground Breaking Celebration on the day that ground would be actually broken, but all arrangements for the ceremony could not be perfected so soon. Rather than delay construction it was decided to postpone the ceremonies. Methodists from all over northeastern North Carolina will be invited to attend the celebration on September 28.

CURRITUCK LOSES A TOWNSHIP TO DARE

As a result of a special election in Atlantic township, Currituck county, that township now becomes a part of Dare county. The election was provided by a special act of the Legislature. Atlantic township is on the North Carolina banks to the north of Nags Head. It is physically a part of Dare and physically separate from the mainland of Currituck county by the interposition of Currituck Sound. Its pursuits and interests are more nearly the pursuits and interests of the fishermen of Dare.

THINK THREE YEARS TOO MUCH FOR A MURDERER

The family of Silas P. Ferebee, the murderer of John C. Thompson, will ask Governor Bickett for a pardon for Ferebee, next Friday. Ferebee shot and killed J. C. Thompson at Shawboro, Currituck county, on July 5, 1918. He was convicted of murder in the Superior Court of Currituck county last September and given a term of three years in the penitentiary. Commutation of Ferebee's sentence will be bitterly opposed by Mrs. J. C. Thompson, the widow of Ferebee's victim, and her family.

HALLET WARD OPENS

Hallet S. Ward of Washington opened his congressional campaign in this corner of the district at Currituck C. H. Tuesday, Sept. 2. In a lengthy speech he convinced himself that John H. Small has been in Congress long enough and that he ought not to be going about the district now holding farmers' educational meetings. A Congressman's place is in Washington according to Mr. Ward, and Mr. Ward implied that if elected to Congress he would stay in Washington, even tho Washington is dry as Sahara. Mr. Ward touched the high cost of living and didn't think it should be tampered with if it meant any reduction in the prices obtained by farmers for their foodstuffs.

FOR RENT:—Four or five horse farm with two sets of buildings on Elizabeth City-Weeksville Highway. J. G. HOLLOWELL, City. p.8.5-1t